

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12671–S12767

Measures Introduced: Thirteen bills and three resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1739–1751, S.J. Res. 19, and S. Res. 244–245. **Page S12737**

Measures Reported:

S. 300, to award a congressional gold medal to Jackie Robinson (posthumously), in recognition of his many contributions to the Nation, and to express the sense of Congress that there should be a national day in recognition of Jackie Robinson.

S. 1691, to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II.

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Measures Passed:

National Character Counts Week: Senate agreed to S. Res. 245, designating the week beginning October 19, 2003, as “National Character Counts Week”. **Pages S12755–56**

Western Shoshone Claims Distribution Act: Senate passed S. 618, to provide for the use and distribution of the funds awarded to the Western Shoshone identifiable group under Indian Claims Commission Docket Numbers 326–A–1, 326–A–3, 326–K, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12756–59**

Emergency Supplemental Appropriations, Iraq and Afghanistan: Senate continued consideration of S. 1689, making emergency supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12643–69, S12671–S12725**

Adopted:

Stevens (for Feingold) Amendment No. 1832, to require reports on Iraqi oil production and revenues to be made available to the public in English and in Arabic. **Page S12655**

Stevens (for McCain) Amendment No. 1853, to provide for financial and performance audits of the

Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund and other assistance to Iraq. **Page S12655**

Stevens (for Hollings) Amendment No. 1865, to clarify the fiscal year limitation in a provision of the Public Law 108–11, Emergency Wartime Supplemental Appropriations Act. **Page S12655**

Stevens (for Durbin) Amendment No. 1866, to require quarterly reports on the status of the efforts of the Iraq Survey Group to account for the Iraq weapons of mass destruction programs. **Pages S12655–56**

Stevens (for McConnell) Amendment No. 1863, to authorize the export of lethal military equipment to Iraq for use by a reconstituted (or interim) Iraqi military or other security forces, that support U.S. efforts in Iraq. **Page S12660**

Stevens (for Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 1814, to require the Coalition Provisional Authority to provide additional information justifying allocations for capital projects in Iraq. **Page S12660**

Stevens (for Harkin/Clinton) Amendment No. 1855, to provide for a report by the Comptroller General on certain contracts performed in, or relating to, Iraq. **Pages S12660–61**

By 97 yeas to 1 nay (Vote No. 387), McConnell Amendment No. 1874, to express the Sense of the Senate that the Global War on Terrorism medal should be awarded expeditiously to members of the Armed Forces serving in Operation Iraqi Freedom, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Noble Eagle. **Pages S12673, S12677–82**

Stevens (for Reid/Daschle) Modified Amendment No. 1869, to prohibit the use of funds to arm, train, or employ individuals under the age of 18 years for the Facilities Protection Service. **Page S12682**

Stevens (for Hollings) Amendment No. 1870, to provide that, notwithstanding the Algiers Accords, any United States citizen held hostage between 1979 and 1981, and their spouses and children at the time, shall have a claim for money damages against a foreign state for personal injury that was caused by the Foreign State’s act of torture or hostage-taking. **Page S12682**

Stevens (for Cantwell) Modified Amendment No. 1857, to improve the process for timely informing members of the reserve components of the Armed Forces, their families, their employers, and Congress

of changes in deployment policies and schedules applicable to mobilize members of the reserve components. **Pages S12682–83**

By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 388), Nickles Amendment No. 1876, to express the sense of the Senate that all countries that hold debt from the former Iraqi regime of Saddam Hussein should be urged to forgive their debt. **Pages S12683–88, S12708–09**

By 51 yeas to 47 nays (Vote No. 389), Bayh Amendment No. 1871, to require that funds for reconstruction in Iraq be used for certain purposes. **Pages S12688–S12708, S12709–10**

Hutchison Modified Amendment No. 1877, to express the sense of Congress on reconstruction efforts in Iraq. **Pages S12710–11**

Nelson (FL) Modified Amendment No. 1858, to set aside certain amounts available national security, \$10,000,000 for the Family Readiness Program of the National Guard. **Pages S12711–12**

Stevens (for Warner) Amendment No. 1880 (to Amendment No. 1867), to designate the amount designated for disaster relief provided in connection with Department of Defense infrastructure damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Isabel as an emergency requirement. **Page S12712**

Warner Amendment No. 1867, to increase the Federal share of the cost of disaster relief provided in connection with Hurricane Isabel; and to provide for repair or replacement of Department of Defense infrastructure damaged or destroyed by Hurricane Isabel. **Page S12656**

Reid (for Nelson (FL)) Amendment No. 1881, to require a report on the plans of the Navy for basing aircraft carriers through 2020. **Page S12716**

Reed/Hagel Amendment No. 1834, to increase the end strength of the Army and to structure the additional forces for constabulary duty. **Page S12721**

Feingold Amendment No. 1852, to enable military family members to take leave to attend to deployment-related business and tasks. **Pages S12721–22**

Rejected:

Byrd Amendment No. 1818, to impose a limitation on the use of sums appropriated for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund. (By 57 yeas to 42 nays (Vote No. 385), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S12668–69**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 1868, to prohibit the use of funds for any contract or other financial agreement or arrangement with any entity that pays compensation in the form of deferred salary to certain United States Government officials. (By 65 yeas to 34 nays (Vote No. 386), Senate tabled the amendment.) **Pages S12657–60, S12671–72**

Withdrawn:

Feinstein Amendment No. 1848, to require reports on the United States strategy for relief and reconstruction efforts in Iraq, and to limit the availability of certain funds for those efforts pending determinations by the President that the objectives and deadlines for those efforts will be substantially achieved. **Page S12721**

Pending:

Byrd/Durbin Amendment No. 1819, to prohibit the use of Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Funds for low priority activities that should not be the responsibility of U.S. taxpayers, and shift \$600 million from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund to Defense Operations and Maintenance, Army, for significantly improving efforts to secure and destroy conventional weapons, such as bombs, bomb materials, small arms, rocket propelled grenades, and shoulder-launched missiles, in Iraq. **Page S12643**

Bond/Mikulski Amendment No. 1825, to provide additional VA Medical Care Funds for the Department of Veterans Affairs. **Page S12643**

Durbin Amendment No. 1837, to ensure that a Federal employee who takes leave without pay in order to perform certain service as a member of the uniformed services or member of the National Guard shall continue to receive pay in an amount which, when taken together with the pay and allowances such individual is receiving for such service, will be no less than the basic pay such individual would then be receiving if no interruption in employment had occurred. **Page S12715**

Daschle Amendment No. 1854, to achieve the most effective means of reconstructing Iraq and to reduce the future costs to the American taxpayer of such reconstruction by ensuring broad-based international cooperation for this effort. **Page S12643**

Reid (for Landrieu) Amendment No. 1859, to promote the establishment of an Iraq Reconstruction Finance Authority and the use of Iraqi oil revenues to pay for reconstruction in Iraq. **Pages S12716–18**

Boxer Modified Amendment No. 1843, to make retroactive the relief of hospitalized members of the uniformed services from the obligation to pay for food and subsistence while hospitalized. **Pages S12712–13**

Reid (for Chafee/Leahy) Modified Amendment No. 1807, to provide for humanitarian assistance and reconstruction in Liberia. **Pages S12713–15**

Durbin Amendment No. 1879, to provide funds for the prevention, treatment, and control of, and research on HIV/AIDS. **Pages S12715–16**

Corzine Amendment No. 1882, to establish a National Commission on the Development and Use of Intelligence Related to Iraq. **Pages S12718–21**

During consideration of this measure today, the Senate also took the following action:

Chair sustained a point of order against Schumer Amendment No. 1872, to express the sense of Congress concerning the appointment of a special counsel to conduct a fair, thorough, and independent investigation into a national security breach, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislating on an appropriations bill, and the amendment thus fell.

Pages S12661–69

Chair sustained a point of order against Durbin Amendment No. 1873, to provide funds for the prevention, treatment, and control of, and research on HIV/AIDS, as being in violation of Rule XVI of the Standing Rules of the Senate which prohibits legislating on an appropriations bill, and the amendment thus fell.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 9 a.m., on Friday, October 17, 2003, Senate will begin a series of votes on certain pending amendments.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9 a.m., on Friday, October 17, 2003.

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Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Timothy John Dunn, of Illinois, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Counselor, for the rank of Ambassador during his tenure of service as Deputy Permanent Representative to the Organization of American States.

Stuart W. Holliday, of Texas, to be Alternate Representative of the United States of America for Special Political Affairs in the United Nations, with the rank of Ambassador.

Zalmay Khalilzad, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan.

Adam Marc Lindemann, of New York, to be Member of the Advisory Board for Cuba Broadcasting for a term expiring October 27, 2005.

James Curtis Struble, of California, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Peru.

The following named officer for appointment to the grade indicated in the United States Air Force under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

1 Army nomination in the rank of general.

18 Navy nominations in the rank of admiral.

Routine lists in the Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Navy.

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Nominations Withdrawn: Senate received notification of withdrawal of the following nomination:

Thomas Thomas Riley, of California, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the African Development Foundation for the remainder of the term

expiring September 22, 2005, which was sent to the Senate on February 27, 2003.

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Messages From the House:

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Measures Referred:

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Additional Statements:

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Amendments Submitted:

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Authority for Committees to Meet:

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—389) **Pages S12669 S12672 S12682 S12709 S12710**

Adjournment: Senate met at 9:31 a.m., and adjourned at 1:05 a.m., on Friday, October 17, 2003 and will reconvene at 9 a.m. on the same day. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12759.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS: INTELLIGENCE

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to discuss the intelligence provisions of S. 1689, making emergency supplemental appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan security and reconstruction for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (pending on Senate Calendar) from members of the intelligence community.

HOUSING GSE'S

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee held a hearing to examine proposals for improving the regulation of the Housing government-sponsored enterprises (GSEs), focusing on essential elements and proposals of regulatory reform, resolution of accounting issues, funding of new oversight offices, receiving testimony from John W. Snow, Secretary of the Treasury; Mel Martinez, Secretary of Housing and Urban Development; Franklin D. Raines, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Fannie Mae; George D. Gould, Presiding Director, Freddie Mac; and Norman B. Rice, President and

Chief Executive Officer, Federal Home Loan Bank of Seattle.

Hearings continue on Thursday, October 23.

AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing on the pursuit of security and democracy in Afghanistan, focusing on providing adequate resources and support to the Afghan government, and related provisions of S. 1689, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations for Iraq and Afghanistan Security and Reconstruction Act 2004, (pending on Senate Calendar), after receiving testimony from William B. Taylor, Jr., Coordinator for Afghanistan, Department of State; Peter W. Rodman, Assistant Secretary for International Security Affairs, and Brig. General Gary L. North, Deputy J-5 for Political and Military Affairs, The Joint Staff, both of the Department of Defense; Peter Tomsen, McLean, Virginia, former United States Special Envoy and Ambassador on Afghanistan; and William J. Durch, Henry L. Stimson Center, The Future of Peace Operations Project, and Nancy Lindborg, Mercy Corps, both of Washington, D.C.

U.S.-EUROPEAN UNION COOPERATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded a hearing to examine United States-European Union Cooperation on regulatory affairs, focusing on non-tariff barriers, the history of transatlantic regulatory cooperation, innovative and informal approaches, and global growth, after receiving testimony from Charles P. Ries, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs; Eric Stewart, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Europe; Gerard Depayre, European Commission to the United States, Stuart E. Eizenstat, European-American Business Council, Gary Litman, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and Thomas L. Farmer, American Bankers' Association, all of Washington, D.C.

HIGHER EDUCATION ACT AUTHORIZATION

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing on access to postsecondary education in relation to reauthorizing the Higher Education Act, focusing on the relationship among quality, efficiency, and access to higher education, after receiving testimony from George W. Waldner, York College of Pennsylvania, York; Jamie P. Merisotis, Institute for Higher Education Policy, Washington, D.C.; Shane Hollett, Ohio College Access Network, Cleveland; and Troy Lambert, University of Maryland, College Park.

INDIAN WATER RIGHTS

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded an oversight hearing to examine the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' management of the Missouri River, focusing on the effects of the Master Manual (a guide used by the Corps to operate the six dams on the mainstream of the Missouri River) on the effect on federally-reserved Indian water rights, after receiving testimony from Senator Daschle; George S. Dunlop, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Policy and Legislation; Brigadier General William T. Grisoli, Commander and Division Engineer, North-western Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; John Yellow Bird Steele, Oglala Sioux Tribe, Pine Ridge, South Dakota; and Michael Claymore, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Fort Yates, North Dakota.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 1691, to establish commissions to review the facts and circumstances surrounding injustices suffered by European Americans, European Latin Americans, and Jewish refugees during World War II; and

The nominations George W. Miller, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims, and Deborah Ann Spagnoli, of California, to be a Commissioner of the United States Parole Commission, Department of Justice.

Also committee began markup of S. 1545, to amend the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996 to permit States to determine State residency for higher education purposes and to authorize the cancellation of removal and adjustment of status of certain alien students who are long-term United States residents, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

LITIGATIONS IN THE FOOD INDUSTRY

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Administrative Oversight and the Courts concluded a hearing on S. 1428, to prohibit civil liability actions from being brought or continued against food manufacturers, marketers, distributors, advertisers, sellers, and trade associations for damages or injunctive relief for claims of injury resulting from a person's weight gain, obesity, or any health condition related to weight gain or obesity, after receiving testimony from Senator McConnell; Victor E. Schwartz, Shook, Hardy, and Bacon, LLP, Washington, D.C.; Russel

L. Sutter, Tillinghast-Towers Perrin, St. Louis, Missouri; Wayne Reaves, Manna Enterprises, Inc., Aniston, Alabama, on behalf of the National Res-

taurant Association; and Gerard J. Musante, Structure House, Residential Weight Loss and Life Style Change Clinic, Durham, North Carolina.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 25 public bills, H.R. 3305–3329; and 7 resolutions, H.J. Res. 72; H. Con. Res. 303–304, and H. Res. 400, 402, 403, 404, were introduced.

Pages H9613–14

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H9614–15

Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows today:

H.R. 3214, to eliminate the substantial backlog of DNA samples collected from crime scenes and convicted offenders, to improve and expand the DNA testing capacity of Federal, State, and local crime laboratories, to increase research and development of new DNA testing technologies, to develop new training programs regarding the collection and use of DNA evidence, to provide post-conviction testing of DNA evidence to exonerate the innocent, to improve the performance of counsel in State capital cases, amended, (H. Rept. 108–321, Pt. 1); and

H. Res. 401, providing for further consideration of H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004 (H. Rept. 108–322).

Pages H9612–13

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Thornberry to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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Chaplain: The prayer was offered today by Rev. Dr. Benny Tate, Rock Springs Congregational Methodist Church in Milner, Georgia.

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International Contributions to the Reconstruction of Iraq: The House agreed to H. Res. 198, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that France, Germany, and Russia can initially best contribute to the reconstruction of Iraq by the forgiveness of outstanding debt between both Iraq and France, Iraq and Germany, and Iraq and Russia, by a yea-and-nay vote of 394 yeas to 31 nays, Roll No. 545.

Pages H9489–91, H9508–09

Agreed to the amendment in the nature of a substitute by voice vote.

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Agreed to amend the preamble by a voice vote.

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Agreed to amend the title so as to read, “Resolution expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that France, Germany, Russia, and other nations can contribute to Iraq’s reconstruction by forgiving debts owed by Iraq to those nations and by making generous pledges for Iraq’s reconstruction at the International Conference on Reconstruction in Iraq to be held in Madrid.”

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Privileged Resolution: Representative McDermott offered a privileged resolution to correct the Congressional Record of January 28, 2003.

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Emergency Supplemental Appropriations: The House concluded debate on the subject of a bill making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

Pages H9509–29

The House then began consideration of H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appropriations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. Further consideration of the bill will resume on Friday, October 17.

Pages H9530–83, H9585–H9606

Agreed to:

Young of Florida amendment that exempts servicemembers with combat-related injuries from the requirement of paying for subsistence charges while hospitalized;

Page H9562

Maloney amendment that requires \$20 million of the Economic Support Fund be used for programs for women and girls in Afghanistan;

Pages H9593–94

Slaughter amendment that requires executive agencies to provide specific information to Congress when an agency awards a “no-bid” contract using funds from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund; and

Pages H9594–95

Kirk amendment that allows non-competitive contracts to be reported to Congress seven days after the contract has been awarded in some circumstances (by a recorded vote of 405 ayes to 20 noes, Roll No. 549).

Pages H9588–89, H9602

Rejected:

Obey amendment that would have required that funds provided for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund be given as loans (by a recorded vote of 200 ayes to 226 noes, Roll No. 546);

Pages H9575–82

Obey amendment that would have provided funds for quality of life enhancements for U.S. servicemembers (by a recorded vote of 209 ayes to 216 noes, Roll No. 547);

Pages H9562–65, H9582–83

Goode amendment that would have eliminated funding for the U.S. share of U.N. peacekeeping operations in Liberia and for international disaster and famine assistance in Liberia and Sudan;

Pages H9590–91

Blumenauer amendment that would have transferred funds from the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund to rebuilding and assistance efforts in Afghanistan;

Pages H9599–H9600

Waxman amendment that would have reduced funding for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund (by a recorded vote of 197 ayes to 224 noes, Roll No. 548);

Pages H9586–88, H9601–02

Markey amendment that would have struck certain provisions that would allow the Secretary of Defense to transfer funds (by a recorded vote of 146 ayes to 279 noes, Roll No. 550);

Pages H9591–92, H9602–03

Holt amendment that would have eliminated funding to import petroleum products into Iraq (by a recorded vote of 169 ayes to 256 noes, Roll No. 551); and

Pages H9592–93, H9603–04

Loretta Sanchez amendment that would have struck the wording “or the Global War on Terrorism” from page 23 line 13 of the bill (by a recorded vote of 128 ayes to 295 noes, Roll No. 552).

Pages H9600–01, H9604

Withdrawn:

Shadegg amendment (No. 5 printed in the Congressional Record of October 15) that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for the Iraq Relief and Reconstruction Fund.

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Point of order sustained against:

Obey amendment in the nature of a substitute;

Pages H9552–62

Pence amendment (No. 33 printed in the Congressional Record of October 15) that sought to re-

quire that 50% of the total funds be made as a grant and 50% be made as a loan after the President informs Congress that a democratically elected government has been established in Iraq;

Pages H9565–75

Filner amendment that sought to eliminate the disabled veterans tax; and

Pages H9589–90

Spratt amendment that sought to increase pay and benefits for active and reserve military personnel.

Pages H9595–99

Agreed by unanimous consent to consider certain amendments before the consideration of other amendments for 10 minutes each, that such amendments shall not be subject to amendment, shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question in the House or the Committee on the Whole, and may amend a portion of the bill not yet read (except amendments proposing to transfer appropriations among objects in the bill must conform to clause 2(f) of rule 21).

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Agreed by unanimous consent to limit the time allowed for debate on certain amendments.

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Agreed by unanimous consent to consider certain amendments offered on the bill before consideration of other amendments.

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H. Res. 396, the rule providing for consideration of the bill was agreed to by voice vote, after agreeing to order the previous question by a yea-and-nay vote of 221 yeas to 202 nays with one voting “present”, Roll No. 544.

Pages H9491–H9508

Recess: The House recessed at 11:55 p.m. and reconvened at 1:01 a.m.

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Senate Message: Message received from the Senate today appears on page H9485.

Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H9615–17.

Adjournment: The House met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 1:02 a.m.

Committee Meetings

MAXIMIZE FARM AND RANCH INCOME

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to examine new generation cooperatives and strategies to maximize farm and ranch income. Testimony was heard from Thomas C. Dorr, Under Secretary, Rural Development, USDA; Douglas Flory, member of the Board, Farm Credit Administration; and public witnesses.

DOD LONG-TERM BUDGET ISSUES

Committee on the Budget: Held a hearing on Department of Defense Long-Term Budget Issues. Testimony was heard from Dov S. Zakheim, Under Secretary (Comptroller) and Chief Financial Officer, Department of Defense; and Douglas J. Holtz-Eakin, Director, CBO.

HEALTHSOUTH FINANCIAL COLLAPSE

Committee on Energy and Commerce: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing entitled "The Financial Collapse of HealthSouth." Testimony was heard from the following officials of HealthSouth Corporation: Diana Henze, Assistant Controller; and Greg Smith, Chief Auditing Officer; the following former officials of HealthSouth Corporation: Teresa Sanders, Group Vice President and Chief Auditing Officer; Steve Schlatter, Physical Therapist; Michael Vines, Corporate Fixed Assets Department; Kelly Cullison, Vice President of Compliance; William Horton, Executive Vice President and corporate Counsel; Brandon Hale, Executive Vice President of Administration, Corporate Secretary and Compliance Office; James Goodreau, Chief of Security; and Anthony Tanner, Corporate Secretary and Compliance Officer; and Martin Cohen, Senior Managing Director, FTI Consulting.

In refusing to give testimony, the following former officials of HealthSouth Corporation: Richard M. Scrushy, Founder and Former Chairman and CEO; and Susan Jones-Smith, Senior Vice President Finance Reimbursement, invoked Fifth Amendment privileges.

U.S. CAPITAL MARKET STRUCTURE REVIEW

Committee on Financial Services: Subcommittee on Capital Markets, Insurance, and Government Sponsored Enterprises held a hearing entitled "Reviewing U.S. Capital Market Structure: The New York Stock Exchange and Related Issues." Testimony was heard from John Reed, Interim Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, New York Stock Exchange, Inc.; and public witnesses.

INTERNET VULNERABILITIES AFFECTING BUSINESSES, GOVERNMENTS AND HOMES

Committee on Government Reform: Held a hearing on "You've Got Mail—But is it Secure? An Examination of Internet Vulnerabilities Affecting Businesses, Governments and Homes." Testimony was heard

from Karen Evans, Administrator, Office of Electronic Government, OMB; and public witnesses.

CASTRO'S CUBA—ONGOING HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on Human Rights and Wellness held a hearing entitled "Castro's Cuba: What is the Proper United States Response to Ongoing Human Rights Violations in Our Hemisphere?" Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: Roger Noriega, Assistant Secretary, Western Hemisphere; and Adolpho Franco, Assistant Administrator, Latin America and the Caribbean, AID; R. Richard Newcomb, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury; and public witnesses.

FEC—ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES

Committee on House Administration: Held a hearing on the Federal Election Commission Enforcement Procedures. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the FEC: Ellen L. Weintraub, Chairman; and Bradley A. Smith, Vice Chairman; Karl Sandstrom, former Commissioner, FEC; and public witnesses.

U.S. POLICY IN AFGHANISTAN—CURRENT RECONSTRUCTION ISSUES

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on United States Policy in Afghanistan: Current Issues in Reconstruction—Part II. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of State: William B. Taylor, Jr., Afghanistan Coordinator; and James Kunder, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Asia and the Near East, AID; Peter Rodman, Assistant Secretary, International Security Affairs, Department of Defense.

RESOLUTION OF THE ETHIOPIA-ERITREA BORDER DISPUTE ACT

Committee on International Relations: Subcommittee on Africa approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 2760, Resolution of the Ethiopia-Eritrea Border Dispute Act of 2003.

STATE FEDERAL AGENCY PROTECTIONS OF PRIVATE PROPERTY RIGHTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on the Constitution held a hearing on "The GAO's Recent Report on the Implementation of Executive Order 12630 and the State of Federal Agency Protections of Private Property Rights." Testimony was heard from Anu Mittal, Director, Natural Resources and Environment Division, GAO; and public witnesses.

DATABASE AND COLLECTIONS OF INFORMATION MISAPPROPRIATION ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts, the Internet, and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action, as amended, H.R. 3261, Database and Collections of Information Misappropriation Act.

OVERSIGHT—VISA OVERSTAYS A GROWING PROBLEM

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Immigration, Border Security, and Claims held an oversight hearing on "Visa Overstays: A Growing Problem for Law Enforcement." Testimony was heard from Kevin Tanner, Director, Foreign Terrorist Tracking Task Force, FBI, Department of Justice; Nancy Kingsbury, Managing Director, Applied Research and Methods, GAO; Theresa Papademetriou, Senior Legal Specialist, Library of Congress; and a public witness.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on National Parks, Recreation and Public Lands held a hearing on the following bills: H.R. 280, National Aviation Heritage Area Act; H.R. 704, Rim of the Valley Corridor Study Act; H.R. 1399, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Gunnison Gorge National Conservation Area Boundary Revision Act of 2003; H.R. 1594, St. Croix National Heritage Area Study Act; H.R. 1618, Arabia Mountain National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1862, Oil Region National Heritage Area Act; H.R. 1798, Upper Housatonic Valley National Heritage Area Act; and H.R. 2909, Utah Test and Training Range Protection Act. Testimony was heard from Representatives Schiff and McInnis; Gerald F. Pease, Jr., Associate Director, Ranges and Airspace, U.S. Air Force, Department of Defense; the following officials of the Department of the Interior: deTeel Patterson Tiller, Acting Associate Director, Cultural Resources, National Park Service; Jeffrey Loman, Acting Director, Trust Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs; and Jim Hughes, Deputy Director, Land Management, Bureau of Land Management; Randy Johnson, Deputy Director, Planning for Public Lands, State of Utah; and public witnesses.

EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Rules: Granted, by voice vote, a rule on H.R. 3289, making emergency supplemental appro-

priations for defense and for the reconstruction of Iraq and Afghanistan for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, providing that the bill shall be considered as read. The rule provides that no further motion or amendment shall be in order.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES; FUTURE OF HUMAN SPACE FLIGHT

Committee on Science: Ordered reported the following measures: H. Con. Res. 279, recognizing the significance of the anniversary of the American Association for the Advancement of Science Congressional Science and Engineering Fellowship Program, and reaffirming the commitment to support the use of science in governmental decisionmaking through such Program; and H. Res. 395, recognizing the importance of chemistry to our everyday lives and supporting the goals and ideals of National Chemistry Week.

The Committee also held a hearing on The Future of Human Space Flight. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

IS AMERICA LOSING ITS LEAD IN HIGH-TECH?

Committee on Small Business: Held a hearing entitled "Is America losing its lead in high-tech: implications for the U.S. defense industrial base?" Testimony was heard from Ronald Sega, Director, Defense Research and Engineering, Department of Defense.

AVIATION SECURITY—TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION'S PERSPECTIVE

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation held an oversight hearing on the Transportation Security Administration's Perspective on Aviation Security. Testimony was heard from James M. Loy, Administrator, Transportation Security Administration, Department of Homeland Security.

VETERAN'S HEALTH CARE

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Held a hearing entitled "Handoff or Fumble: Do VA and DOD Provide Seamless Health Care Coverage to Transitioning Veterans?" Testimony was heard from Neal P. Curtin, Director, Defense Capabilities and Management, GAO; the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Harold Kudler, M.D., Co-Chairman, Under Secretary for Health's Special Committee on Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder; Robert H. Roswell, M.D., Under Secretary, Health; and Robert

J. Epley, Associate Deputy Under Secretary, Policy and Programs, Veterans Benefits Administration; and Edward P. Wyatt, Jr., Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Health Affairs, Department of Defense.

BRIEFING—SENSITIVE COUNTERTERRORISM ISSUES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to receive a briefing on Sensitive Counterterrorism Issues. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

BRIEFING—GLOBAL INTELLIGENCE UPDATE

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Subcommittee on Intelligence Policy and National Security, executive, briefing on Global Intelligence Update. The Subcommittee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

FASTER AND SMARTER FUNDING FOR FIRST RESPONDERS ACT

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Emergency Preparedness and Response held a hearing on H.R. 3266, Faster and Smarter Funding

for First Responders Act of 2003. Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

PLUGGING THE GAPS IN BORDER SECURITY

Select Committee on Homeland Security: Subcommittee on Infrastructure and Border Security held a hearing entitled “Plugging the Gaps in Border Security: the One Face at the Border Initiative.” Testimony was heard from Robert Bonner, Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection, Department of Homeland Security; and public witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2003

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

No meetings/hearings scheduled.

House

Committee on Government Reform, hearing entitled “Implementing the SAFETY Act: Advancing New Technologies for Homeland Security,” 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9 a.m., Friday, October 17

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

9 a.m., Friday, October 17

Senate Chamber

Program for Friday: Senate will continue consideration of S. 1689, Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act, with a series of votes to occur on certain amendments.

House Chamber

Program for Friday: Further consideration of H.R. 3289, Supplemental Appropriations Act for fiscal year 2004.



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